one lakh new terms in Oriya were evolved. They are being processed for printing and publishing by the Orissa Text Book Bureau.

(c) Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology works in cooperation with various State Govemment agencies to promote science and technology in different regional languages. Its aim is to enrich and develop all Indian Languages as mediums of instruction. It has been engaged in the task of evolving technical terms in Hindi, producing university level text books^ definitional dictionaries and various reference literature. So far, S3 definitional dictionaries have been published. The Commission also prepares and publishes monographs, digests and readings, monitors the activities of the Hindi Granth Academies/University Cells in Hindi speaking states, compiles and publishes Pan-Indian technical terms, and a journal of Science in Hindi, the Vigyan Garima Sindhu, with a view to encourage language writing in the sciences.

A total of 5.5 lakhs technical terms have been evolved in different disciplines, such as Basic Sciences, Social Science, Humanities, Technology, Medicine, Agriculture, etc. Over one lakhs terms have been keyed-in and entered into computers.

Budget for women specific schemes

2123. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether budgetary allocations for women specific schemes have declined during the last three years;

(a) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the action proposed to get more funds from the Ministry of finance, to accelerate women's empowerment programmes and comprehensive welfare schemes for older single women, including widows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Freezing the number of Employees in KVS

2124. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 254, given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, had issued directions to undertake the work of freezing classes/ sections, much before the decision of the Academic Advisory Committee on 16th March, 1999;

(b) if so, on which date the freezing of classes/sections was begun by the Commissioner; and

(c) the composition, powers and functions of Academic Advisory Committee of KVS and its relation with KVS and its Board of Governors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT). RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Commissioner approved the staff strength from April, 1999 after the Board of Governors noted the decision of AAC of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(c) The Academic Advisory Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Governors and is an advisory body. The details of its composition and functions are enclosed.

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Composition of theAcademic Advisory Committee

1.	Vice-Chairman, KVS	—	Chairman
2.	Commissioner, KVS	—	Member
3.	To be nominated by the Chairman of the KVS from amongst the outstanding Educationists.	—	Member
4.	Deputy Commissioner (Acad.)	—	Member Secretary

Duration of Membership of the Academic Advisory Committee

The term of the Academic Advisory Committee shall be two years for the nominated members. The Committee shall function notwithstanding the absence of the one or all the nominated members.

Functions of the **Academic Advisory Committee:**

(i) The advise the Sangathan about the academic and co-curricular programme to be introduced in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(ii) To help prepare guidelines for the implementation of these programmes.

(iii) To review periodically these programmes and suggest measures for overcoming any shortfalls.

(iv) To help Kendriya Vidyalayas realize, among others, the following objectives of the Sangathan;

(a) To develop the Vidyalayas as "Schools of Excellence" in the context of the national goals of education.

(b) To initiate and provide experimentation in education in collaboration with other expert bodies like CBSE, NCERT, etc.

(c) To promote national integration.

(d) To review the publication programmes of the Sangathan and suggest improvements.

Updating the university curricula

2125. SHRI RUMA'NDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has directed all universities to update the curricula ot the courses offered by them by July, 2002;

(b) if so, whether a circular has been issued to universities, directing them lo update syllabi of the courses offered,*o that students are kept abreast with the latest developments in their subjects chosen; and

(c) whether seven of the 19 universities have been given permission for introducing astrology as a subject uptil now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), 153 universities, registered under Section 2(f) and 12-B of the UGC Act, have been requested to update curricula in the identified subjects by